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1. DURING LENGTHY CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 17 POLITICAL
DIRECTOR DUCCI TOOK CONSIDERABLE PAINS TO EXPLAIN HIS VIEW OF
WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE EC NINE THROUGH THE PROCESS
WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SEPTEMBER 10 COPENHAGEN MEETING.

2. DUCCI HAS BEEN ACTIVE ALL SUMMER WITH HIS FELLOW
POLITICAL DIRECTORS TRYING TO PULL TOGETHER A COMMUNITY RESPONSE
TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE HARBORS

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CERTAIN PATERNAL FEELINGS ABOUT THE RESULTS. DUCCI PRE-

FACED HIS COMMENTS BY SUGGESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONSIDER NOT MERELY THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 19 BUT ALSO APPRECIATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT REPRESENTED BY MOVING FRANCE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS COMPROMISE.

3. NOTING THAT SINCE 1958 THE EUROPEANS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT EUROPE SHOULD BE, THE LONG STERILE GAULIST PERIOD MAY FINALLY BE OVER AND, IN DUCCI'S VIEW, THIS IS PROGRESS OF A VERY REAL KIND. FOR THE FIRST TIME DUCCI BELIEVES THE FRENCH ARE NOW PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REAL EUROPEAN PERSONALITY, AS THEY PUT IT, "IDENTITY". THE FRENCH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN PREPARED TO HAVE EUROPE "TAKE POSITIONS" VIS-A-VIS THE UNITED STATES BUT REFUSED TO ACCEPT A EUROPEAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION OR OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS THEY NOW SEEM PREPARED TO DO.

4. THE COMPROMISE AT COPENHAGEN WAS CHARACTERIZED AS "THIN" BUT THE ITALIANS ARE ANXIOUS THAT THIS EFFORT BE RECEIVED POSITIVELY IN ORDER NOT TO STOP (OR GREATLY DELAY) THE PROCESS OF CREATING POLITICAL EUROPE. IN A SENSE DUCCI WAS SAYING LET'S NOT FOCUS ON HOW FAR WE HAVE YET TO TRAVEL BUT LET'S FOCUS ON THE DISTANCE WE HAVE ALREADY COME. (AT THIS POINT HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES STILL FAVORED A POLITICALLY UNIFIED WESTERN EUROPE IN THESE DAYS OF SUPER-POWER DIPLOMACY.)

5. WHILE MORO DOES NOT PLAN TO BE IN NEW YORK UNTIL SOMETIME IN OCTOBER (HE HAS A MEETING WITH THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HERE NEXT WEEK AND MUST ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT LEONE TO FRANCE THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER) DUCCI WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH OTHER POLITICAL DIRECTORS FOR ANY NECESSARY WORK ON A JOINT DECLARATION WHICH MAY RESULT FROM ANDERSON'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK.

6. IN DUCCI'S VIEW THE PROBLEMS PRESENTED MAY BE CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE EC NINE DECLARATION. THE TOKYO GATT MEETINGS WENT RATHER WELL AND THERE IS OPTIMISM ABOUT THE BANK AND FUND MEETING IN NAIROBI. ON THE OTHER HAND IN THE SECURITY FIELD FRANCE HAS CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH MBFR AND THE MATTER

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OF BURDEN SHARING. THE OTHER EUROPEANS ARE INCREASINGLY IRRITATED WITH THE FRENCH GETTING A FREE RIDE IN DEFENSE AND THEY ALL FACE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS. THIS ASPECT OF A UNITED STATES/ EUROPEAN DECLARATION MAY WELL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ALTHOUGH THE 8 (MINUS IRELAND) ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO THE CONCEPT OF A DECLARATION DURING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

7. THE LEVEL OF A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS LEFT

VAGUE AT FOREIGN MINISTER MORO'S SPECIFIC REQUEST ACCORDING TO
DUCCI. MORO IS A GREAT BELIEVER IN FLEXIBILITY AND DOES NOT
WISH TO FORECLOSE ANY EVENTUAL POSSIBILITIES.

8. COMMENT: AS MORO PROMISED THE AMBASSADOR IN
EARLY AUGUST THE ITALIANS HAVE WORKED ACTIVELY TO TRY TO BRING
ABOUT A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE WHICH
WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. DUCCI HAS BEEN THE
PRINCIPAL OFFICER DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND HE OBVIOUSLY HOPES
FOR SUCCESS. WE HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT DUCCI WAS
GIVING A FOREIGN MINISTRY POSITION IN MAKING APLEA FOR UNDER-
STANDING AND COMPROMISE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES WITH
THE IMPLICATION THAT IF WE PUSH THE EUROPEANS TOO FAR THE WHOLE
FRAGILE STRUCTURE COULD COME APART. VOLPE

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